

CATHOLICS JOIN JEWS IN FIGHT ON BIBLE BILL

Mgr. Kearney Calls It Pernicious and Against Religious Liberty.

WOULD PAVE WAY FOR PAROCHIAL AID

Prelate Suggests That Public School Pupils Be Grouped According to Sects.

Monsignor John Kearney, rector of St. Patrick's church, announced last night that the millions of Roman Catholics in New York State were just as much opposed to the Bible bill, which provides for the daily reading in public schools of ten verses from the Bible, as the thousands of Jews who have condemned the measure. He added that if the Greiner-Tallett Bible bill is passed the Catholics of this state will have a ground on which to base their demands for the support of the state for their parochial schools.

"The Bible bill will have the effect of correlating church and state," said Monsignor Kearney, "and the Catholic priest, whom I represent, will have every cause for demanding support for our parochial schools. If religion and state become interrelated, then our plea for state support must be granted."

Monsignor Kearney said the Catholic priesthood of this state thought the Bible bill obnoxious. He said also the administration at Albany ought to be informed, once and for all, that the millions of Catholics of New York are opposed to Bible reading in the public schools.

Calls It Unfair to Sects.

"It is unfair to the different sects," declared Monsignor Kearney. "Let every sect do as it pleases. That is the principle of the Catholic Church, and as a priest thereof I cannot plead too strongly for religious liberty. The Bible bill is beyond any doubt unconstitutional. It is an invasion of the rights of those who pay taxes and support the state. I had firmly believed that in New York, at least, church and state had been separated once and for all, but I see the return of an old enemy."

"I believe in religious instruction in the public schools. The Catholic church believes in it. But we believe that such instruction should be conducted in a manner that is offensive to nobody. The Bible reading bill, in another way, I don't want to say it, but it is a law which would offend and alienate. It would offend the Jews, the children of different sects, who would draw their attention to their differences in matters of religion, and again revive the hatred and enmity which have been passing out for years."

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"Religious instruction under this system should be given for an hour a day, three times a week, by the proper religious instructors of each sect. Religion should be made a part of the school system, for millions of the children of the streets without the least bit of religious instruction. Sunday schools are ineffective and their instruction desultory. If schools cannot be set aside for various sects, I would recommend that each floor be devoted to the educational needs of a different sect. Religious instruction could be carried on in this way as well."

"It is a pity to repeat that if the Bible bill is passed, thereby joining church and state, we Catholics will have every cause for demanding payment from the state for our parochial schools. A protest against the Greiner-Tallett Bible bill was sent yesterday by Louis Friedman, of 1115 Broadway, who is prominent in Jewish scholastic circles and identified with educational, religious and other movements."

In regard to the Sabbath bill he urges its passage in the interests of truth and fair play, so that Jews who observe the Jewish Sabbath may be free to do business on Sunday. As to the second bill, the Greiner-Tallett Bible measure, he declares that the Jewish people as well as the Catholics, are opposed to it. He said that the children of a religious education, and asserts that to state or country has a right to interfere with the religious training of the child. He asserts that the passage of a bill permitting the daily reading of the Bible in the public schools would lower the American flag to a rag and the Constitution of the United States to a farce.

East Siders to Protest.

Abram I. Klages, a member of the New York State Board of Regents, announced last night that the board would meet on March 3 to consider what form of action should be taken on the bill.

From the offices of Judge Aaron J.

STARVING PARENTS SELL BABY INTO LIFE OF EASE

Three-Year-Old Mary McPhee, Only Person Unaffected in \$50 Transaction, Quits East Side Poverty for Comfortable Home in Queens.

When August C. Klages, attorney for Mrs. Eric G. Colson, of Lambert Street, Glen Morris, Queens, paid the parents of three-year-old Mary McPhee \$50 yesterday in the chambers of County Judge Burt J. Humphrey, of Long Island City, Mrs. Colson, the adopted child of Mr. and Mrs. Colson, was the only person in the room not affected by the transfer of a child for money to buy food for her parents. She smiled as her new parents presented her with a fur coat and a small vanity box, and left the room clinging to Mr. Colson's finger with one small hand. Mr. and Mrs. McPhee, saved from starvation by giving up their daughter, departed in tears.

DR. DAVIS IS CRITICISED AS MOORE TRIAL BEGINS

Levy information came yesterday that a great mass meeting will be held tomorrow to protest against the passage of the Bible bill. The gathering will be under the auspices of the East Side Protective Association, and will be held in the auditorium of Public School 4, Rivington and Pitt streets, at 2:15 p.m.

"The people of the East Side vigorously protest against the passage of this Bible bill now before the Legislature," said Harry H. Schlaicht, superintendent of the East Side Protective Association, yesterday. "It is an American and a direct insult to the children of Israel. Every fair-minded and intelligent man or woman, Jew or Gentile, will resent it."

DESPERATE JUMP FAILS

Alleged Boy Thief Caught as He Leaps Out of Window.

While broken glass showered down on a crowd beneath the second story window of a poolroom at 300 East 116th Street yesterday afternoon, Salvatore Doranto, seventeen years old, of 887 East 117th Street, hung suspended through the cracked pane. Detectives Mancini and Lennon, who had entered the poolroom to arrest Doranto for the alleged theft of some lead pipe from a vacant building at 448 East 118th Street, caught him as he leaped through the window, and finally dragged him back. Mancini and Lennon went to Sydenham Hospital with badly cut hands and arms, and Doranto, the two fifteen-year-old boys, went to jail.

SUBWAY SHOOTING A DANCE ROMANCE

Ulmer, in Love with Girl, Quit Medical Studies to Go to Tangos.

Four cheap silver cups stand on the sidewalk in the apartment at 726 West 181st Street, occupied by Mrs. Mild Odell, a widow, mother of Ethel Odell, whom Frederick Ulmer shot in the 181st Street subway station on Wednesday night. They are trophies won by the girl and the youth in dancing places on the upper West Side.

Ulmer, one of these dance halls that Ulmer met the girl a year ago. Two weeks later he gave up his studies at the Bellevue Medical College to accompany her to amateur dancing contests. They were cup and saucer, and the twenty-year-old youth became infatuated with the eighteen-year-old girl. Then she told him that she did not care for him.

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Counsel for Hart's Island Superintendent, Who Is Accused of Insubordination, Says Official Witnesses Are Two to One Against Client—Boy Tells of Brutal Treatment.

Dr. Katharine R. Davis, Commissioner of Correction, began her trial of Superintendent Martin J. Moore of Hart's Island Reformatory yesterday with only two official witnesses. Dr. Charles F. McKenna, of 30 Church Street, whom Superintendent Moore testified to have been his superior, refused to listen to him, refused to give evidence.

Superintendent Moore is charged with neglect of duty and insubordination. Dr. McKenna, a witness, said that he had chosen Orlando F. Lewis, secretary of the Prison Association, and Robert W. Belcher, secretary of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, to hear the testimony. As the Commissioner had chosen two witnesses to be present at the hearing, he declared it was only fair that Mr. Moore should have an equal number.

"The odds at present," he protested, "are two to one against my client. I consider such an arrangement most unfair." "Mr. Lewis alone represents my department," said Miss Davis. "Mr. Belcher is completely unprejudiced. I submitted my plan for this hearing to both the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel. They approved of it heartily."

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\$40 A WEEK FOR POKER

Alimony from Husband Who Didn't Like Wife's Playing.

If it is true, as her husband said, that Mrs. Anna Wolfsohn is addicted to poker playing, she will be able to indulge her propensity for the great American game to the extent of \$40 a week. That is the amount of alimony Justice Page yesterday awarded her in her separation suit against Leopold Wolfsohn, an instructor of music with studios in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Mrs. Wolfsohn charged her husband with cruelty. She said his income is \$150 a week, but that he spends most of this in the company of other women. The music teacher said that his income was not sufficient to stand the poker losses of his wife. He also alleged that he was assaulted by men hired by his wife and that Mrs. Wolfsohn had taught their children to treat him with disrespect.

COUPLE CANNOT PART

Court Dismisses Meinken Suits—Neither Proved Case.

Characterizing the action brought by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Meinken against Henry Meinken for a separation and her husband's counter claim for a divorce as "an echo of the underworld," Justice Blanchard yesterday dismissed the suits.

Justice Blanchard said he did not credit some of the testimony, including the statement that Mrs. Meinken said she loved Harry P. Meinken because of his "big black eyes." While he held that the evidence did not sustain the charge against Mrs. Meinken, he expressed the opinion that she had acted indiscreetly.

CHINA TROUBLED BY SINGLE WORD

Japan Said to Have Omitted "Third" to Its Summary of Demands on Empire.

Peking, Feb. 20. Lu Cheng-shiang, the Chinese Foreign Minister, paid a visit yesterday to Eki Hoki, Japanese Minister to China, and urged whether the minister was willing to discuss with him twelve of the demands Japan has made on China which the latter has agreed to consider.

It is stated in Chinese circles that Lu Cheng-shiang took the initiative in the matter to refute accusations of the Japanese government that the Chinese government was delaying the negotiation. According to an American source, Chinese sources, the Japanese Minister told Lu Cheng-shiang he was awaiting further instructions from Tokyo.

It is stated that the Chinese government cannot accept the terms of the Japanese demands unless they are materially modified. The following is said to be a special article in the Japanese demands: "The Japanese government and the Chinese government, with the object of effectively protecting the territorial integrity of China, agree to the following special article: 'The Chinese government agrees that no island, port or harbor along the coast shall be ceded or leased to any third power.'"

The word "third" is declared, was omitted from the Japanese communication to the powers. That the number of "forceful Japanese demands" political, financial and military affairs which Japan desires to place in China is not mentioned is said to be causing concern to the Chinese. This is the foremost demand of the Chinese said to have declined to discuss.

CANCER SERUMS FAIL

Several Tried Without Cures at Memorial Hospital.

George Holmes, superintendent of the General Memorial Hospital, at 100th Street and Central Park West, denied yesterday that experiments with cancer serum at the hospital had proved successful. To publish premature reports of cancer cures was brutal, he declared, and research work at the hospital was far from the point when its results could be published.

Since October 1, Mr. Holmes continued, experimental work in treating cancer had been pushed vigorously. Several serums had been tried, he explained, but while there was no success to be reported he was by no means cast down and thought that progress had been made.

Rabbit Causes Child's Death.

A rabbit brought about the death of Alfred Sawyer, five years old, of Milltown, who was fatally injured by an automobile on the main road in Flushing, N. Y., yesterday afternoon.

The little animal bounded out of the brush at the roadside. While in pursuit, Alfred ran in front of D. H. Caldwell's car. Two wheels passed over the child. He died a few minutes later.

France Honors General French

Paris, Feb. 19. The government today decided to confer the military grade of Field Marshal Sir John French, commander in chief of the British forces in the field.

GUTTENBERG, BLAST SHAKEN, TRAILS DYNAMITERS DOWN

Town Keeper, Valiant Although Sole Police Force, Confronts Auto Filled with Desperate Men and Women, Who Admit Authorship of Explosion.

The peaceful community of Guttenberg, N. J., was shaken by a terrific explosion early yesterday morning. Terrified residents, rudely awakened in their beds, turned out of bed and, scantily dressed, poured out into the streets and the chilly air.

Nobody knew what had happened. James, who was the town keeper, attempted to appear everywhere at once in a frantic effort to find the cause. Location and effect of the explosion. Since the discharge of a dynamite stick, the police expected a delay.

"You folks'll have to get out of that there car," commanded Wilkins. "And may I ask why?" a big man in a heavy beaver coat asked, from his seat beside the driver. "For the purpose of the police, it is a hickory stick and a hickory stick."

The explosion appeared to have originated in the region due north-northwest from the town hall. The big man answered, "Then he and his companions were actors. They had come to Guttenberg to enact a scene representing the dynamiting of 'The Los Angeles Times' office. For the purpose they had bought an abandoned house at the outskirts of Guttenberg, fixed it up to resemble the interior of a modern newspaper office, and after planting sticks of dynamite under a wall, and getting the camera's focus had blown up their newly acquired property for the benefit of a thrilling film."

CAPLAN ARREST ENDS CHASE IN DYNAMITE PLOT

Early Trial Planned for Man Long Sought in "Times" Case.

Everybody who was indicted for the blowing up of "The Los Angeles Times" building in the fall of 1910 is now under arrest, said Detective William J. Burns last night, when asked for a statement on the arrest of David Caplan, last of the men indicted in connection with that crime. Through the William J. Burns Detective Agency Caplan was arrested on his chicken ranch, twelve miles from Seattle.

Burns denied the report that Caplan was found through information gathered after the arrest of M. A. Schmidt in this city last Saturday. He said that his detectives had been on the trail of Caplan ever since the Los Angeles crime.

"We know," he said, "that Caplan, travelling under the name of Capps, and Schmidt, under the name of Leonard, called at the office of the Grand Jury in this city and ordered a thousand pounds of dynamite. John B. McNamara was with them when they received the dynamite. They carried it across the bay to San Francisco and deposited it in a vacant house in the outskirts of the city. We found some of the dynamite there later. They took three suit cases full of the explosive to Los Angeles. This was used to blow up the 'Times' building."

"After this job was done Caplan had a tarpaulin made for covering the dynamite. Strange to say, when he ordered this covering, he gave his name as Caplan and gave his correct address in San Francisco. He moved with his wife and children two days before our detectives got there."

"We chased him to Home Colony, an anchorage, settling thirty miles from Tacoma," said Burns. "He remained there two months. I don't know when he showed up at Bainbridge Island, where he was captured."

According to Detective Burns, Caplan's arrest was put through by his son, Sherman Burns, Guy Biddinger, of the New York office, Dan S. Lehon, of the New Orleans office, and Walter S. Thayer, head of the Seattle office.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 19. An early trial is planned for David Caplan, who was arrested last night on his chicken ranch on Bainbridge Island, twelve miles from this city. He is in jail at Port Orchard to-night under an armed guard, and has expressed his willingness to return to Los Angeles for trial.

For two years Caplan had been living under the name of Frank Miller on a small chicken ranch on Bainbridge Island, about two miles inland. He also conducted a barber shop there. Five detectives and a deputy sheriff arrested him at 9 o'clock last night.

He was in bed when the officers burst into his cabin, telling him that he was recognized as David Caplan. "We found much valuable evidence in Caplan's cabin," said Walter S. Thayer, manager of the Seattle branch of the Burns agency. "Besides letters and other documents implicating several San Francisco men in Caplan's activities, we found three sticks of dynamite and a small box of matches bought near Richmond, Cal., and used to destroy 'The Times'."

"Caplan's handbook shows that he has been well supplied with money. His outside sources of valuable evidence connecting these sources with the dynamite conspiracy was found among Caplan's papers."

Caplan was held to-day on a fugitive warrant until extradition can be received from Los Angeles. He denies any knowledge of the blowing up of the Times Building or of having had anything to do with the leaders in the dynamite conspiracy.

Concerning an empty dynamite box and three sticks of the explosive found in his house last night, Caplan says he purchased the dynamite in Seattle to use in clearing his land.

Los Angeles, Feb. 19. Two indictments stand against David Caplan. One is for murder in connection with the dynamiting of the Times Building. The other indictment was returned by a federal grand jury for alleged illegal transportation of dynamite.

The star witness obtained by the McNamara prosecution in the dynamiting cases was Orville McManigal, one of the alleged conspirators, who turned state's evidence and now is at liberty abroad. His whereabouts, however, is not known. The McNamara's office and it is expected he will return here for the trials of Schmidt and Caplan, who are believed to have been accomplices of the McNamara brothers.

At the University Settlement Mr. Gary addressed the workers. "I like the looks of your shop," he said, "and the attitude of the men here. You are so respectful and willing. It is a pity we can't do more. We would like to give work to all those unemployed at fair wages. I